The Counties as Partners

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- Attending county committee / board meetings regularly-zoning; land & water conservation; full board
- Fill gaps with county lake conservation-ex. helping unqualified org's with grant access; AIS
- Review county land and water resource management plan for connecting to county goals around water and lakes-find your county in the WLWCA directory
- Technical support for projects / lake mgmt. planning / grant development support
- Coordination of county-wide initiatives, policy and ordinance development, and educational
 outreach related to topics like AIS mgmt., land & water health, wetlands, flooding challenges, air b
 & b's of lake homes, atv's and road use, groundwater protection, shorelands-e.g. power of friends
 groups
- Economic analysis of waterfront properties and how much these tax payers provide to town / county tax bases
- Town Lake Committees phenomenon
- Drinking water / well health assessments often in concert with the UWSP Center for Watershed
 Science and Education unit
- Not all counties participate in all these topic areas-every county is different rhythm
- Shift at county level over time from agriculture centric focus to a broadening of conservation and protection around land and water health
- Building relationships over time to be effective at collaborating together









